



# HONESTY

Choosing to be  
truthful in whatever  
you say and do.

WEEK  
FIVE

## READ 1 JOHN 1:9

## DAY 1

Chances are, at some point you've told a lie. We all have. Maybe you didn't mean to do it. Maybe at the time the lie you told even felt like the truth. Maybe you lied to try to stay out of trouble. Maybe you lied to avoid being embarrassed. But the reality is, once a lie is spoken, the damage is done.

When that happens – when you make a big mistake that you can't erase – aren't you glad that God is willing to forgive? His word promises that when we admit we're wrong, when we're honest with ourselves and others about the lie we've told, he forgives us. Not once. Not twice. But every single time we seek his forgiveness. And that's not all. He will help us clean up the mess and make things right.

Find a pencil and a piece of paper. Without showing anyone else, write down a lie you remember telling. Then, spend some time praying to God, asking for His forgiveness and help to make things right. Now, take an eraser and erase what you've written as a reminder that God always forgives when we ask Him to.

**THANK** God for offering forgiveness when you are dishonest.

## READ PROVERBS 16:13

## DAY 2

When you think about a king, what image comes to mind? You probably think of someone wearing fine robes sitting on a golden throne, surrounded by loyal subjects. What if you could have five minutes in front of someone that important? You wouldn't waste that time lying or telling some made up story, would you?

Well, guess what? God is our ultimate king! When we are honest, our king is SO proud of us. God values people who speak the truth. That's because we're HIS. We are sons and daughters of the King of Kings! As his kids, we know that choosing honesty is always a wise choice that brings us closer to God.

Ask a grown up to help you get the following things – a strip of cardboard or heavy paper, aluminum foil, and some scissors. Together, use the scissors to cut a crown out of the cardboard/ paper. Then cover with aluminum foil to complete your crown. Hang it from your bedpost or bedside lamp to remind you to choose honesty and honor the one true King this week.

**ASK** God to help you honor Him by being honest this week.

